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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, HU, PDCV

SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING PETOFI DAY COMMERATION

1. IN A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE MARCH 17 HUNGARIAN PRESS AGENCY MTI HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT " SEVERAL HUNDRED IRRESPONSIBLE PERSONS ATTEMPTED TO STAGE A NATIONALIST DEMONSTRATION IN CENTRAL BUDAPEST" FOLLOWING PETOFI DAY COMMERATION ON MARCH 15 OF 125 TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUNGARY'S WAR OF INDEPENDENCE. ACCORDING TO MTI DEMONSTRATORS WERE DISPERSED QUICKLY BY POLICE AND 41 PERSONS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. THREE SENTENCE STORY APPEARS ON FRONT PAGE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY NEWS AND IN MID PAGES OF LEADING HUNGARIAN DAILIES. IN ADDITION, DEMONSTRATION WAS ALSO REPORTED ON TELEVISION EVENING NEWS MARCH 16.

2. DEMONSTRATIONS BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN BUDAPEST ON PETOFI DAY HAVE BECOME SOMETHING OF A RITE OF SPRING IN RECENT YEARS AND THIS ONE

NOT TOTALLY UNEXPECTED. WHAT STRIKES US AS UNUSUAL, AND TO BEST  
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OF OUR MEMORY UNPRECEDENTED, IS FACT THAT A DISTURBANCE OF THIS  
TYPE WAS QUICKLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE GOH AND  
EVEN GIVEN TELEVISION COVERAGE. THIS QUICK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
SEEMS TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO DOWNPLAY DEMONSTRATION BY ATTRIBUTING  
IT TO ANTICS OF YOUTHFUL HOOLIGAN ELEMENTS THEREBY HOPEFULLY  
AVOIDING CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION DAMAGING TO GOH IMAGE WHICH  
APPEARED IN WESTERN PRESS FOLLOWING DISORDERS OF LAST YEAR.

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